

November 6, 2013

Re: I am opposed to the proposed changes to the Michigan Strategic Fund

Dear MI House Representatives,

I am opposed to the proposed changes to the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) Act in a package of both Senate and House introduced bills. The bills include Senate Bills 269, 270, 271, 272, and 278 as well as House Bills 4071, 4480, 4481, and 4482.

This is a whole package of bills that give more power to a quasi-government agency that is not subject to the Open Meeting Act and not subject to FOIA. They have an appointed board and use our tax dollars! They have NO TRANSPARENCY and NO ACCOUNTABILITY. The bills would expand the authority and provide greater latitude to the MSF. Additionally, the bills would consolidate and eliminate reporting requirements..

This would be done through the Michigan Economic Development Corp (MEDC) via the Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF).

If you truly believe in transparency in government then you will vote NO against the above named House Bills that undermine and eliminate reporting requirements by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation via the Michigan Strategic Fund.

Voting YES would only awaken the public to the fact you are giving the backhand to the right of public knowledge on how their tax dollars are being used and spend.

Vote NO on Senate Bills 269, 270, 271, 272, and 278 as well as House Bills 4071, 4480, 4481, and 4482.

Sincerely, Mary MacMaster - Orion Twp.